

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-3 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 3, which are independent, are hereby amended. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2001/0043795 to Wood et al. (hereinafter, merely "Wood") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,478 to Grauch (hereinafter, merely "Grauch").

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"...wherein content continues to be repeatedly
scheduled until it is viewed, and

wherein only the number of times reproduction is to
be performed is specified in a degree of exposure

designation and the degree of exposure designation
is updated when rescheduling is performed.”
(emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, Wood relates to a video data recorder for recording predefined format shows having integrated channel guides allowing a user to control recording and storage of television signals. The user may specify criteria for recording of shows from an input source where shows are selected based on the criteria and recorded for later playback. The shows to be recorded may have a predefined format which may be used to ease playback of recorded programming by allowing the user to locate and playback sections of programming.

As understood by Applicant, Grauch relates to an interactive media delivery system that enables interactive media programming to a multimedia device and tracks a subscriber's use of the multimedia device.

Applicant submits that Wood and Grauch, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicant submits that there is no teaching or suggestion that content continues to be repeatedly scheduled until it is viewed, and wherein only the number of times reproduction is to be performed is specified in a degree of exposure designation and the degree of exposure designation is updated when rescheduling is performed, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claim 3 is also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

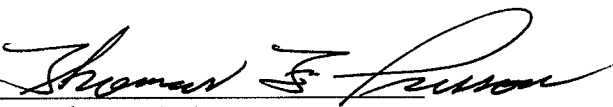
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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